



### Propane Tanks:

Propane tanks are likely already firmly anchored, as that is a statutory requirement. However, if your propane tank is not firmly secured now, it should be strapped down.

Flood waters can easily move unanchored propane tanks, and that poses a serious threat to you, your family, public safety and the environment. Liquefied propane gas can be extremely volatile, and is potentially explosive if the tank ruptures and the escaping gas is ignited by a spark.

The tanks also can be damaging if they start to float, hitting walls or other objects. One way to secure the tank is with the use of ground anchors. Another is to chain the tank to a secured stationary object like a tree, not a building. There should be legs or lifting lugs on the tank that will serve your purpose. Use cable or chain, not rope, for this purpose.

Other things you can do to protect your propane tank and your property:

- Mark your tank with your name, address and phone number in case it gets carried away by the flooding.
- Take a picture of the tank manufacturer's nameplate. This will help in recovery of the tank floats away.
- If you have to evacuate, close the service valve on the propane cylinder or permanent tank – turn off the service valve to all propane appliances.
- After the flood, contact your propane provider for help in restoring service. Please do not attempt to restore service yourself.

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